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(f) Represent the Department on the Administrative Conference of the United States and, as appropriate, on regulatory reform matters.

(g) Participate, as appropriate, in internal budget hearings of the Department with regard to policy implications of resource allocations and resource implications of major policy initiatives; and advise the Assistant Attorney General for Administration with regard to information requirements for Departmental policy formulation.

(h) Advise appropriate Departmental officials, from time to time, on investigation, litigation, negotiation, penal, or correctional policies to insure the compatibility of those policies with overall Departmental goals.

(i) Perform such other duties and functions as may be specially assigned by the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General.

In carrying out his responsibilities under this section, the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, shall have the right to call upon the relevant Departmental units for personnel and other assistance.

[Order No. 960-81, 46 FR 52341, Oct. 27, 1981, as amended by Order No. 1054-84, 49 FR 10118, Mar. 19, 1984; Order No. 1055-84, 49 FR 12253, Mar. 29, 1984]

§0.23a Office of Information and Privacy.

(a) There is established, in the Office of Legal Policy, the Office of Information and Privacy, which, under the general supervision and direction of the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, shall:

(1) Act on behalf of the Attorney General on Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act appeals under §§16.8, 16.48, 16.50(d) and 16.52, respectively, under the supervision of the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, except that:

(i) In the case of a denial of a request by the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, the Attorney General or his designee shall act on the appeal, and

(ii) A denial of a request by the Attorney General shall constitute the final action of the Department on that request.

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(2) Provide staff support to the Department Review Committee, established by §17.148 of this chapter.

(3) Advise executive agencies and organizational units of the Department on questions relating to interpretation and application of the Freedom of Information Act and advise the Department on questions relating to interpretation and application of the Privacy Act.

(4) Coordinate the development and implementation of and compliance with Freedom of Information Act policy within the executive agencies and all organizational units of the Department.

(5) Undertake, arrange, or support training and informational programs concerning both acts for the executive agencies and the Department.

(6) Undertake such other responsibilities as may be assigned by the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy.

(b) All federal agencies which intend to deny Freedom of Information Act requests raising novel issues should consult with the Office of Information and Privacy to the extent practicable.

[Order No. 973-82, 47 FR 10809, Mar. 12, 1982, as amended by Order No. 1055-84, 49 FR 12253, Mar. 29, 1984]

§0.23b Office of Asylum Policy and Review.

There is established, in the Office of Legal Policy, the Asylum Policy and Review Unit, headed by a Director, under the general supervision and direction of the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, and exercising such duties as the Deputy Attorney General delegates pursuant to 28 CFR 0.15(f) or otherwise assigns to it.

[Order No. 1176-87, 52 FR 11044, Apr. 7, 1987]

Subpart E—Office of Legal Counsel

§0.25 General functions.

The following-described matters are assigned to, and shall be conducted, handled, or supervised by, the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel:

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(a) Preparing the formal opinions of the Attorney General; rendering informal opinions and legal advice to the various agencies of the Government; and assisting the Attorney General in the performance of his functions as legal adviser to the President and as a member of, and legal adviser to, the Cabinet.

(b) Preparing and making necessary revisions of proposed Executive orders and proclamations, and advising as to their form and legality prior to their transmission to the President; and performing like functions with respect to regulations and other similar matters which require the approval of the President or the Attorney General.

(c) Rendering opinions to the Attorney General and to the heads of the various organizational units of the Department on questions of law arising in the administration of the Department.

(d) Approving proposed orders of the Attorney General, and orders which require the approval of the Attorney General, as to form and legality and as to consistency and conformity with existing orders and memoranda.

(e) Coordinating the work of the Department of Justice with respect to the participation of the United States in the United Nations and related international organizations and advising with respect to the legal aspects of treaties and other international agreements.

(f) When requested, advising the Attorney General in connection with his review of decisions of the Board of Immigration Appeals and other organizational units of the Department.

(g) Designating within the Office of Legal Counsel:

(1) A liaison officer, and an alternate, as a representative of the Department in all matters concerning the filing of departmental documents with the Office of the Federal Register, and

(2) A certifying officer, and an alternate, to certify copies of documents required to be filed with the Office of the Federal Register (1 CFR 16.1).

(h) Approving certain blind trusts, as required by section 202(f)(4)(B) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 92 Stat. 1843.

(i) Consulting with the Director of the Office of Government Ethics re-

garding the development of policies, rules, regulations, procedures and forms relating to ethics and conflicts of interest, as required by section 402 of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 92 Stat. 1862.

(j) Taking actions to ensure implementation of Executive Order 12612 (entitled "Federalism"), including determining which Department policies have sufficient federalism implications to warrant preparation of a Federalism Assessment, reviewing Assessments for adequacy, and executing certifications for the Assessments.

(k) Performing such special duties as may be assigned by the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, or the Associate Attorney General from time to time.

[Order 423-69, 34 FR 20388, Dec. 31, 1969, as amended by Order 445-70, 35 FR 19397, Dec. 23, 1970; Order 623-75, 40 FR 42746, Sept. 16, 1975; Order 960-81, 46 FR 52342, Oct. 27, 1981; Order 1054-84, 49 FR 10118, Mar. 19, 1984; Order 1260-88, 53 FR 9435, Mar. 23, 1988]

Subpart E-1—Office of International Programs

§ 0.26 Organization.

There shall be within the Office of the Deputy Attorney General an Office of International Programs.

(a) *Director.* The Office of International Programs shall be headed by a Director appointed by the Attorney General.

(b) *Functions.* The Director of the Office of International Programs shall discharge the following duties:

(1) Coordinate all proposals for the Department of Justice, or Department of Justice personnel, to provide foreign countries with training or technical assistance in the fields of law enforcement, administration of justice, legislation, and economic reform and democratic institution-building initiatives.

(2) Assist the Deputy Attorney General in coordinating the activities of the International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program and in coordinating responses to requests for international training and technical assistance submitted to the INTERPOL-U.S. National Central Bureau and other Department of Justice units.